

Mayor and City Council

Agenda Item Request

Meeting Date: 4/15/2013

Type: Public Hearing

Call to Podium:

Harold Belton

Agenda Item Title:

Public Hearing on Constant Yield Tax Rate and Proposed Property Tax Increase for the City of Gaithersburg for FY 2014

Responsible Staff and Department:

Harold Belton, Director
Finance and Administration

Desired Outcome from Council:

Receive staff presentation, conduct public hearing, and provide opportunity for comment. Staff recommends the record remain open until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2013.

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	4/2/2013
Advertisement Date :	4/3/2013
Public Hearing Date:	4/15/2013
Record Held Open Date:	5/15/2013
Policy Discussion Date:	6/3/2013
Anticipated Adoption Date:	6/3/2013

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Supporting Background Information:

Pursuant to State law, local governments are required to hold a public hearing if maintaining the current property tax rate will result in increased revenues. If we maintain the \$.2620 per \$100 of assessed value property tax rate, our property tax revenues will increase by 0.4 percent.

To collect the same amount of property tax revenue as last year, the City would need to reduce our tax rate to \$.2609 (the constant yield rate) per \$100 of assessed value; however, the City is proposing a tax rate of \$.2620.

This hearing was introduced on April 2, 2013 and advertised according to State law on April 3, 2013.

After any interested party has testified, the Mayor and City Council should vote to hold the record open until May 15, 2013, 5 p.m. The Mayor should notify the public that the proposed tax rate of \$.2620 Per \$100 of assessed value will be voted on during the Mayor and Council meeting of June 3, 2013.